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STATE POLICE ARREST 3 FOR SHOPLIFTING

During the late evening hours on 12/01/05 a State Trooper initiated a motor vehicle stop on I-84 westbound at exit #15 in Southbury for a speeding violation. Upon approaching the violator's car the trooper observed in plain view numerous articles of clothing with security tags still attached to them. The State Trooper also observed a "boost bag" in plain view in the car. A boost bag is used by shoplifters to attempt to defeat store theft alarms while the suspect shoplifts from the store.

The State Trooper continued his investigation on the roadside and did determine that the three suspects had been at the West Farms Mall in West Hartford. They used the "boost bag" the suspects made numerous trips into various stores at the mall.

The three suspects were taken into custody, placed under arrest and transported to Troop-A Southbury. All three were processed and held on \$75,000 bond to appear in GA #4 in Waterbury today 12/02/05

The clothing was seized from the vehicle. The State Police inventory of the clothing revealed the retail value of the stolen clothing to be \$18,886.98.

ARRESTED #1 MORENO, Andres DOB: 11/20/83 4198 Forley St Queens, NY.

#2 VARELA, Paola DOB: 2/18/81 94-47 50th Ave Queens, NY.

#3 VARELA, Lilliana DOB: 11/02/82 94-47, 50th Ave Queens, NY.

CHARGES: Larceny 1st

Conspiracy to commit Larceny 1st

Possession of a shoplifting device

Accused PAOLA VARELA was also charged with Reckless Driving & Operating a Motor Vehicle without an Operators License

Additional investigation also revealed that accused VARELA, PAOLA is wanted by the State of New Jersey as a Fugitive From Justice for New Jersey charges of weapons violations and probation violation. He is being held for the State of New Jersey.

###END### Sgt. J. Paul Vance Digital Photos pending

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